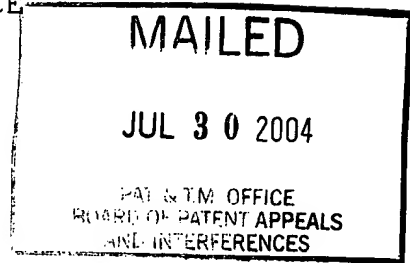


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Application No. 09/470,554

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 16, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On May 27, 2003, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal (Paper No. 11). The required extension of time fee was not charged to the appellants' account. In addition, the appellants' Appeal Brief (Paper No. 12) filed on September 2, 2003 was not charged the required filing fee. Before further review of this file, the

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extension of time fee for the Notice of Appeal and the Appeal Brief fee must be applied to the appellants' account.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be returned to the examiner for: 1) entry of the extension of time fee for the Notice of Appeal and the Appeal Brief fee; and 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of this appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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